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OPERATION HOLIDAY CHEER KICKS OFF

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) – The Hampton Roads Naval Museum will host a holiday card campaign called “Operation Holiday Cheer” from November 5 through December 6, 2004. Operation Holiday Cheer is an art program designed to help local children express their thanks to Sailors and Marines currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Naval Museum will provide construction paper, markers, scissors, stencils, and stickers for children to make holiday cards. Children who complete a card will receive a free Hampton Roads Naval Museum activity book.

Due to continuing security concerns and force protection, it is not recommended for individuals to send mail to non-specific military destinations. The greetings will be sent to service members onboard USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75).

The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, on the downtown Norfolk Waterfront, is one of eleven U.S. Navy museums. Admission to the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and its chief artifact, USS WISCONSIN, is free. To book a group of students to participate in Operation Holiday Cheer, please call Kathryn Shaffner at (757) 322-3108.

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